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S. 328

To postpone the DTV transition date.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 26, 2009

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and considered

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “DTV Delay Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. POSTPONEMENT OF DTV TRANSITION DATE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3002(b) of the Digital
7 Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (47
8 U.S.C. 309 note) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “February 18, 2009;” in para-
10 graph (1) and inserting “June 13, 2009;”; and

11 (2) by striking “February 18, 2009,” in para-
12 graph (2) and inserting “that date”.

1 (b) EXTENSION OF COUPON PROGRAM.—Section
 2 3005(c)(1)(A) of that Act (47 U.S.C. 309 note) is amend-
 3 ed by striking “March 31, 2009,” and inserting “July 31,
 4 2009,”.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) Section 3008(a)(1) of that Act (47 U.S.C.
 7 309 note) is amended by striking “February 17,
 8 2009.” and inserting “June 12, 2009.”.

9 (2) Section 309(j)(14)(A) of the Communica-
 10 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(14)(A)) is
 11 amended by striking “February 17, 2009.” and in-
 12 serting “June 12, 2009.”.

13 (3) Section 337(e)(1) of the Communications
 14 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 337(e)(1)) is amended by
 15 striking “February 17, 2009,” and inserting “June
 16 12, 2009,”.

17 (d) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—Each amount made
 18 available under section 3005 of the Digital Television
 19 Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (47 U.S.C. 309
 20 note) as a result of the amendments made by this section
 21 is designated as an emergency requirement and necessary
 22 to meet emergency needs pursuant to section 204(a) of
 23 S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress) and section 301(b)(2)

1 of S. Con. Res. 70 (110th Congress), the concurrent reso-
2 lutions on the budget for fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

